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## Alliance Executives Disavow Pageant

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Due to widespread disappointment and disapproval of certain passages in the Pageant presented on Tuesday evening of the Eighth Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, written and produced by Dr. D. R. Sharpe, Chairman of the Cleveland Committee on Arrangements, without submitting the script to the Alliance Executives for approval, the Executive Committee, on Wednesday evening, July 26, adopted the following resolution by unanimous vote:

"In view of the fact that no copy of the script of the Pageant presented at the Eighth Baptist World Congress was provided the Executive Committee of the Alliance or its officers beforehand, and in view of the fact that the press reported the Pageant as representing the views of the Baptist World Alliance, and in view of the fact that a portion of the Pageant attacked a position with reference to the World Council of Churches held by many Baptist bodies in the Baptist World Alliance, the Executive Committee goes on record as stating that the Pageant does not represent the position of the Baptist World Alliance in these matters, and that the Alliance neither commends nor condemns any organized expression of the ecumenical movement."

The particular passage which the resolution refers to, appearing on (Continued on Page Two)

## MANY RUSSIANS ATTEND WORLD ALLIANCE MEET

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 23—

Thirty-five Russians were among foreign delegates to the World Baptist Congress who turned up at a foreign delegates tea held at the First Baptist Church.

Forty displaced persons, including the Russians were present. They estimated that 80 other Russian DP's are attending.

Names of the Russian born were withheld lest relatives in the Russian orbit be endangered. One, an eighty-year-old Baptist minister with flowing beard, was especially fearful lest knowledge of his presence in Cleveland endanger lives of relatives at home. Another, now a resident of Cleveland, disclosed that his wife still is in Russia. He said he had been taken to Germany by the Nazi Gestapo in 1943, that Russian authorities believed him deceased.

"I think my family is quite secure." (Continued on Page Eight)

Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Church, McComb; will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour August 13. The theme for the month is: "Jesus Christ, Our All in All." His subject Sunday will be: "Christ, Our Hope."

Dr. Hunter will be heard over the following stations: at 8 a. m. over WHQB, Memphis; WQBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson, and at 9 a. m. over WLOX, Biloxi and WROB, West Point.

## British Pastor Named World Baptist Head

Has Served Three Years as Vice-President



DR. F. TOWNLEY LORD

CLEVELAND —(RNS)— A Baptist pastor and editor is the newly-elected president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. F. Townley Lord, pastor of the Bloomsbury Baptist church of London and editor of the Baptist Times, was chosen to head the Alliance by delegates to the Baptist World Congress here.

Dr. Lord succeeds Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, who was elected president of the last world congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1947.

Following the election, Dr. Lord was asked what he believed should be the objective of Baptists and other Protestant denominations in the next few years.

"There is no question of what our aims should be," he said. "The world is still terribly shaken by the after-effects of war. What we need is a spiritual awakening that will give us new moral stamina to face our problems."

"I'm thinking particularly of juvenile delinquency, a major problem since the war. We need to undergird our religious faith if we are to cope with it successfully."

Dr. Lord comes to the presidency after three years of service as vice-president. He has twice been president of the British National Sunday School Union. Recently, he was the main character in a religious film (Continued on Page Two)

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## Truman Considers Naming Regular Envoy To Vatican

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3—(UP)— President Truman disclosed today that he is considering reestablishing formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

His statement, something of a diplomatic bombshell, was made in response to a reporter's question at the President's weekly news conference.

Mr. Truman said that when Myron C. Taylor resigned as his personal envoy to Pope Pius XII last winter, that ended the job as far as a personal representative was concerned. He had never considered the appointment of a successor to Taylor, the President said.

But he added that he is studying the possibility of naming a regular diplomatic minister to the Vatican—headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.

## Conservatives May Seek SBC Fellowship

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(BP)—

Conservative Baptists have been advised to seek fellowship with Southern Baptists churches on the local level by Dr. Gabriel R. Guedj, one of the Conservative leaders. He made the suggestion in a recent address before the Conservative Baptist Fellowship meeting at Boston. Dr. Guedj is pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif.

He said, "It is not our part here to direct our association as such, to seek fellowship with them (Southern Baptists), but as individual churches we should know that it is possible, without sacrificing one iota of our loyalty to the Word of God, for they are loyal to the same Word; without sacrificing one iota of our loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, for they are just as loyal to him as we are; without sacrificing one iota of our loyalty of support of Conservative Baptist causes, to enjoy fellowship at the associational and state levels with these Baptist brethren who number upward of 27,000 churches and today are the largest single evangelical body in the United States; and to share with them our world vision so magnificently expressed by our Conservative Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Societies and our missionaries."

## Canadian Judge Says Churches Have Important Peace Roll

CLEVELAND, Ohio—The Christian churches of the world must take responsibility for preserving the freedom for all mankind as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, Hon. J. W. Estey, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, said today in an address to the Eighth World Baptist Congress. At the evening session in the Public Auditorium, Estey said: "The Charter is founded on principles that ought to obtain in human relations and embodies a great vision in international relations."

The Ottawa Justice gave a summary of the development of the Charter. He pointed out that it was a development of the desires of men and women around the world for peace. He said, "The great conceptions of human welfare set forth in the Charter must ultimately be achieved. If we believe in the brotherhood of man and that fellowship and friendship should exist among and be practiced by all people, neither as individuals nor our church

should ever despair, but persistently and vigorously direct our efforts to the attainment of peace and security."

The preservation of the Charter is squarely up to the churches. Peace must come from some basis other than the power of the atom bomb. "Neither fear nor force can constitute a permanent basis for peace," Estey said.

"The Christian viewpoint is that we should have peace and security because of our understanding of the relations that ought to obtain between individuals and nations."

"Our leaders and the requirements of our day are saying to the people—look to your higher self; exercise those spiritual forces and powers with which you have been endowed."

In these times the world turns naturally and directly to the church. "They ask the church to perform its essential purpose, to lead the people to a higher life through belief in God as revealed in the life of Christ."



**BRITISH PASTOR NAMED**  
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entitled "Generous Spirit," produced by the Religious Film Company of London.

Dr. Lord has been pastor of the Bloomsbury church since 1930.

Elected vice-presidents were the following: the Rev. W. L. Jarvis, Sidney, Australia; Dr. D. V. Jemison, Selma, Ala.; Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, Rome, Italy; Dr. W. C. Smalley, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Dr. Gunnar Westin, Upsala, Sweden; and the Rev. Sadamoto Kawano, Tokyo, Japan.

Re-elected were Dr. W. O. Lewis, London, associate secretary; Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, Washington, D. C., general secretary; the Rev. Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, youth secretary; C. T. LeQuessne, London, treasurer for the Eastern Hemisphere; and George B. Fraser, Washington, treasurer for the Western Hemisphere. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of St. Louis, retiring president, was named to the newly-created post of past-president.

American representatives elected to the executive committee for a five-year term were: the Rev. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Va.; Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, Syracuse, N. Y.; Dr. E. A. Fridell, New York; Dr. E. A. Fuller, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C.; Dr. A. A. Lucas, Houston, Texas; Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. Reuben E. Nelson, New York.

Cash and material donations amounting to \$9,060,309.88 were contributed to the alliance relief committee since July, 1947, it was reported by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., chairman. Of the total, the Southern Baptist Convention contributed \$5,529,776; Northern Baptist Convention \$2,137,799.

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**Mt. Olive VBS Enrolls 70**

Mt. Olive Church, Prentiss County, held its Vacation Bible School July 31-August 4. The school enrolled 70. The pastor is Rev. Charles Gentry; Miss Mary Frances Palmer served as principal.

Departmental superintendents were: Miss Dorothy Little, Miss Sarah Morris, and Mrs. Arlin Greenhill. Mrs. John Wallis served as pianist.

Mr. Dalton Gentry directed a school of music in connection with the Bible School. And immediately following the school, the annual revival began.

**ALLIANCE EXECUTIVES**  
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page 42 of the published Pageant, follows:

**Spirit of Denominationalism:** "I am an isolationist in religion. My own denomination is good enough for me. Why do we have a World Council of Church?"

**Spirit of Ecumenicity:** "Your denomination may be good enough for you. It is not good enough in and by itself acting independently and alone to win to God a lost world. In union there is strength."

**Prophet:** "When evil men unite to destroy the world, good men must unite to save it. The ecumenical movement has in it the seeds of the second Protestant Reformation. It is the most hopeful sign on the religious horizon today. O denominations! Unite and win. Go your separate ways and fall."

**Prophet:** "Go, Spirit of Indifference, Crime, Lawlessness, Racial Intolerance, Totalitarianism, Greed, and Narrow Denominationalism. There is no place for you in this A and H bomb age. You will blow up yourselves and the world. Your road is destruction."

The above passage in the Pageant was the climax of a series of incidents at Cleveland—sections of certain addresses and reports—obviously designed as attacks upon Southern Baptists and any other groups in the Alliance who did not share the opinions and practices of these speakers and writers. It was the first time, in my attendance upon the last six Congresses, when any such attempt has been made to take advantage of the Alliance for special pleading and exploitation.

When we recall the purpose of the Alliance, as stated in the Preamble to the Constitution—"To show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members; but this Alliance may in no way interfere with the independence of the churches or assume the administrative functions of existing organizations"—it is difficult to understand how cherished friends within the Alliance could bring themselves to make such attacks upon those of their brethren with whom they disagree on questions that are entirely apart from the purpose for which the Alliance exists.

I am very happy to report that Southern Baptists behaved themselves as brethren, choosing rather to be persecuted than to strike back; and it was reassuring to hear friends from every constituent body present



CLEVELAND—Three Foreign delegates to the Eighth Baptist World Congress here chat between sessions. Left to right: Dr. John Bailey Middlebrook of London, home secretary of the Baptist Mission Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Dr. Emyln Davies of Cardiff, Wales, professor of church history at South Wales Baptist College; and the Rev. Manfredi Ronchi, representing the Protestant Community in Rome, Italy. Religious News Service Photo

in the Executive when the resolution was adopted on Wednesday evening, July 26, express appreciation for the restraint which marked Southern Baptists during the Cleveland Congress.

I think it is fair to say that we came away from Cleveland more strongly convinced than ever, if that is possible, that we have acted wisely in our position on the World Council of Churches, and, with reference to other criticisms, apparently leveled at Southern Baptists, we chose to let the record speak for itself.

Southern Baptists proposed the organization of the Baptist World Alliance. We have gladly cooperated in trying to carry out its purposes for 45 years. We are happy to contemplate continuing fellowship with all the members of the Alliance, unmarred by the regrettable incidents at Cleveland.

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**THE TILLATOBA CHURCH IN YALOBUSHA** County will hold its annual revival August 13-18. The visiting evangelist will be Rev. R. W. Bevington, pastor of Knoxville, Tennessee, church. Rev. J. C. Mitchell, pastor and a Mississippi College student, will lead the singing.

**DUBLIN REVIVAL ADDS 10**

Rev. E. M. Bilbo, pastor of the Sumrall Church, was the preacher in the revival at Dublin Church, in Jefferson Davis County, July 16-21. The pastor, Rev. S. J. Rhodes, led the singing, while Miss June Berry, a member of the Prentiss Church, played the piano.

There were ten additions, nine on profession of faith.

The week preceding the meeting, the church conducted a Vacation Bible School, which was its first one. There was an average attendance of more than 70 in the school.

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**VBS AT FRIENDSHIP NO. 2**

During the week of July 23-28, a Vacation Bible School was held at Friendship Church No. 2, Tallahatchie County, in which 48 boys and girls were enrolled. The pastor is Rev. D. C. Hartley.

Merle Graves served as the principal of the school and Juanita Ferguson as pianist. The other workers were: Mrs. C. G. Clark, Eloise Jamison, Meldia Graves, Margaret Graves and George David Campbell. Refreshments were served each morning by the mothers of the community.

The annual revival will be held during the week of August 6-11, with Rev. E. E. Mason as the visiting Evangelist.



**BIBLE READERS' OASIS (\$1.75)** will be a welcomed book by those who promote the reading of God's Word. A 1950 revised edition by Jack B. Fellows, the book is in a loose-leaf back so that any page can be removed for use and then replaced. The pictorial illustrations may be easily illustrated by using tracing paper. There 156 Drill suggestions and 156 reminders. Created by Jack B. Fellows and published by the Broadman Press, the book may be ordered from the Baptist Book Store.



# HOW WE USE MISSION MONEY

By CHESTER L. QUARLES

Executive Secretary

The question often arises "How do Mississippi Baptists spend their mission dollars?" It is a good question and one that every Mississippi Baptist should be able to answer. We shall try to give a clear statement in this regard. This statement can be used in meetings of deacons, church business meetings, Sunday School classes, Training Unions, Brotherhoods and Woman's Missionary Unions. Many pastors may desire to use a part of the statement in their weekly bulletins.

## Administrative Expenses

By common consent all state convention boards first take care of administrative expenses. This arrangement was carefully worked out with the Southwide boards of agencies and institutions. It is understood by all that the state boards are promoting and raising money for Southwide causes as well as state causes. This arrangement is fair to everyone concerned. It is a wise plan.

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After the administrative expenses have been taken out (and only actual expenses are taken) the mission dollar is divided equally between Southwide and Statewide causes. According to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, approved by vote of the Southern Convention, the Southwide dollar is used as follows:

## Southwide Budget

- The first \$4,000,000 to be divided as follows:
 

Foreign Mission Board.....	50 %
Home Mission Board.....	16.5%
Relief and Annuity Board.....	12.5%
Southern Seminary.....	5 %
Southwestern Seminary.....	5 %
New Orleans Seminary.....	5 %
W. M. U. Training School.....	1 %
American Baptist Seminary.....	2 %
Radio Commission.....	1.9%
Baptist Brotherhood.....	1 %
Southern Baptist Hospital.....	0.1%
- The next 2½ million dollars are to be distributed to apply on the capital needs and goals of the various agencies in helping with accepted percentage adopted by 1947 Convention.
- All additional funds go to the Foreign Mission Board in behalf of the advance Program of Foreign Missions. This arrangement was voted for 1950.

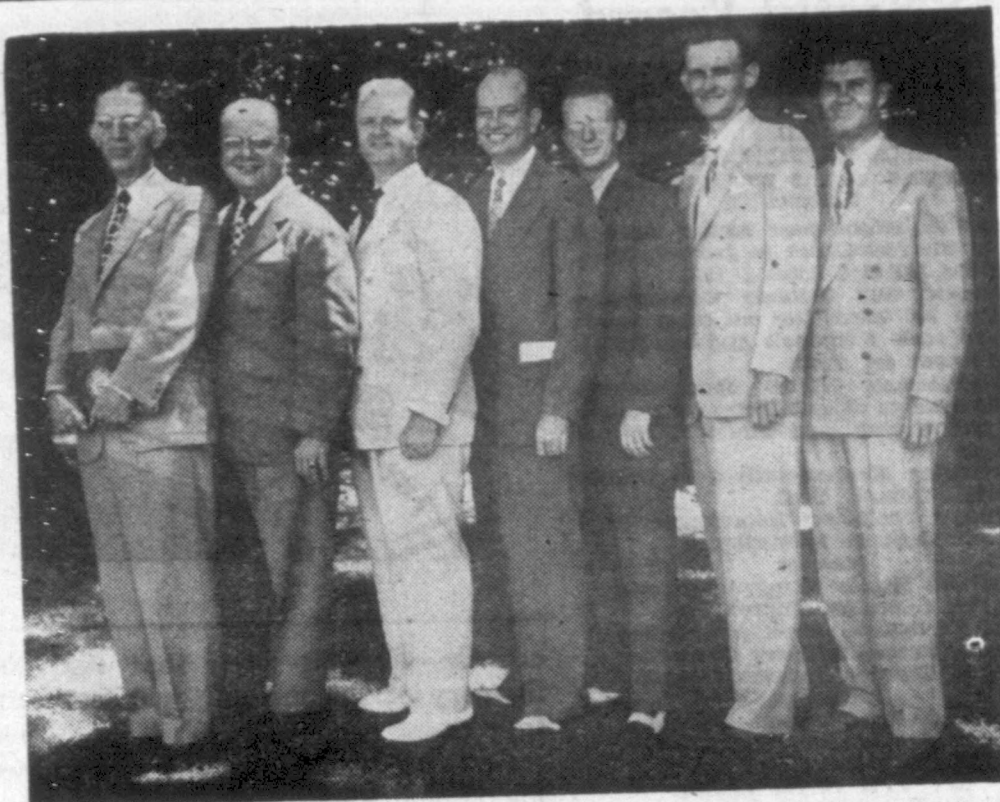
## Mississippi's Mission Budget

The Mississippi mission dollar is divided as follows:

Christian Education.....	20 %
State Missions.....	20.5%
Mississippi Baptist Hospital.....	1 %
Ministerial Education.....	2 %
Radio.....	1 %
Baptist Foundation.....	1.5%
Baptist Orphanage.....	4 %

## State Mission Budget

- Church Building Evangelism .....\$25,000.00  
(\$15,000.00 from surplus and/or reserve)
- Negro Work.....13,500.00
- Indian Work.....2,000.00
- B. S. U. Campus.....13,000.00
- B. S. U. Department.....7,200.00
- Sunday School Department.....16,500.00
- B. T. U. Department.....15,500.00
- Evangelistic Conference.....1,500.00
- Historical Society.....300.00
- Board Retirement Plan.....\$33,387.00
- Pastor's dues
- Widows Supplemental Plan
- Board Employees Dues.....500.00
- Convention Expense.....4,000.00
- Board Meetings.....3,000.00
- State Mission Promotion and Tracts.....750.00
- Stewardship Conference.....4,750.00
- Institutional Work.....9,000.00
- W. M. U. Department.....10,000.00  
(\$19,500 from Cooperative Program)
- Pastoral Evangelism.....1,200.00
- Service Men's Aid.....10,600.00
- Brotherhood.....22,000.00
- Associational Missions.....11,000.00
- Preachers Bible Schools.....8,500.00
- Temperance.....300.00
- Associational Missionary Institute.....1,200.00
- Chinese Missions.....2,800.00
- Miscellaneous.....100.00
- Braille Evangel.....5,600.00
- Stewardship and Evangelism.....450.00
- Bible Teacher—Copiah—Lincoln Junior College.....180.00
- Bible Teacher—Perkinston Junior College.....750.00
- Natchez College.....



Shown above are seven of the eight men who have served as State Training Union Secretaries of Alabama, as they met at Ridgecrest for the First Training Union Assembly of 1950. The only one not in attendance was Dr. R. Elton Johnson, who is now a missionary to Brazil. Dr. Johnson was the second secretary, succeeding Dr. J. E. Lambdin, who is now the Southwide Training Union Secretary. Left to right, standing in the order in which they served, they are: Dr. Lambdin; Rev. Henry C. Rogers, pastor of the South Highlands Church, Bessemer, Ala.; Rev. Chester L. Quarles, our own Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. Davis C. Woolley pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pulatka, Fla.; Rev. Maines Rawles, Young People's Secretary of the Southwide Training Union Department; Rev. John Jeffers, Adult Secretary, of the Southwide Training Union Department; Rev. George E. Bagley, present Alabama State Training Union Secretary.

## East Church Observes Pastor's Anniversary Increase Noted In All Phases

Rev. Homer W. Roberson has completed two years as pastor of the East Church, Greenville. Mr. Roberson came to Greenville on August 1, 1948 from the Pastorate of the Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg. This past year the East Church was among the ten leading churches in the state in baptisms.

From the church records the following accomplishments have been noted in the past two years: the church membership has grown from 184 to 380, having received 263 members. The Sunday school enrollment was 185, as compared with the present 303, the Training Union enrollment was 48; it is now 105. Other organizations have had similar growth.

During the two years contributions

to all causes have totaled \$5,500; with \$3,000 going to missions and \$16,000 being paid on the indebtedness of the property.

Many physical improvements have been made to the church, among which are: Two offices equipped with modern furniture, purchasing and installing new pews in the auditorium, purchasing a new pastorium, and the adding of much new furniture to the Educational building.

The morning service was in honor to the Rev. Mr. Roberson, as he began his third year in the East Church pastorate.

—BR—

MT. ZION CHURCH IN SIMPSON County closed a very successful revival on July 21 in which Rev. J. B. Smith did the preaching and James Richardson led the singing. Mr. Smith and Mr. Richardson are pastor and educational director of the Magee Church, respectively. Rev. B. H. Benton is the pastor.

31. Sanatorium ..... 600.00

Note 1. The Radio Committee receives one-half the profits of the Baptist Record in addition to the designated 1 percent of Cooperative Program dollar.

Note 2. The expenditures of the \$9000.00 in W. M. U. department includes an R. A. Worker, Negro Worker, Indian-Negro Youth worker, Scholarships and Camp maintenance.

The Executive Secretary will be happy to supply any additional information desired by anyone. Questions concerning our work will be happily answered.

## SAVINGS FUNDS EARN

Many churches as well as individuals, deposit their building funds here until required and thereby increase it at semi-annual periods by substantial dividends. We will welcome your inquiry.

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## Baptist World Alliance

We regret that we could not carry all the reports of the Baptist World Alliance in one issue. But space was not available. As it was, we had to severely condense and omit in order to get a fairly comprehensive report.

The attendance was good and we mean attendance. Only a few loitered outside. The auditorium was full most of the time. Cleveland found out that there are a lot of Baptists. One remarked "I didn't know that there were that many Baptists in the world."

The Cleveland papers deserve the thanks of all Baptists for their excellent coverage. We made page one every day. And in contrast to Chicago the articles were long enough to give a good idea of what was done or said.

Baptist leaders spoke out on Baptist problems and world problems and their news received wide-spread coverage.

It was a time of worldwide fellowship. Such fellowship is needed. As the president of the Italian W. M. U. said to us, "It was wonderful to know there are so many Baptists and to know them is to love them."

The Congress meeting enabled the world to hear the united voice of Baptists speaking out the eternal message of salvation through Jesus Christ. It heard our plea for fair dealing in lands where we are a minority. It could not be ignorant of our stand on the Separation of Church and State.

As usual, some brethren took advantage of the mutiny to put in plugs for the World Council. Others used equally bad tact but as a whole the meeting was a great one. The speeches, the sermons, the music, the fellowship, the



crowds—all were such that the memory of the meeting will last forever.

Certainly, we know and enjoy liberty and know no persecution, must feel more sympathetic to our Christian brothers and sisters of other lands who have limited or no liberty and who daily travel a road of persecution.

All in all the Baptist World Congress made us (and we think we speak for all Mississippi Baptists) proud to be a Baptist. We came home with pride and determination, proud of our denomination, and determined to keep on carrying on as a Baptist.

—BR—

## Giving Is Better

God's plan for the support of His work is tithes and offerings. We do not think that he smiles on any of the money raising plans used by some churches. And churches that have changed from the worldly plans of money raising to tithes and offerings have prospered.

As exhibit one, we offer the experience of a San Francisco church. Religious News Service reports that a New Year's resolution to banish "bazaars, suppers, or benefits of any kind from church financing was taken by the Park Presidio United Church of San Francisco." Five years ago under the bazaar plan the income of the church was \$5,000 yearly. Last year's income under God's plan was \$17,000.

Religious News Service also reports that:

"Juvenile Court Judge W. H. Beckham has warned Miami parents that they face prosecution for contributing to the delinquency of minors if they permit their children to sell lottery tickets for churches or other causes. He has received reports of eight and nine-year-old youngsters peddling such chances on an automobile for a local church group.

"Miami church groups have been fighting illegal gambling in

this area and successfully opposed the extension of legalized gambling by the state legislature. But several churches and charities have resorted to the sale of lottery tickets to raise money."

The question in our mind is, "How can these church members oppose gambling while their children sell lottery tickets?"

Christians should support God's work with a part of their income and not try to wheedle it out of others. It cheapens the church and promotes a lack of interest on the part of the members.

One pastor put it this way:

"My friends, we have made an honest effort to raise sufficient money, but we have failed. Now the ladies are going to hold a bazaar."

—BR—

## A Good Idea But No Remedy

Much is being written these days, both in the secular and in the religious press, concerning the atomic bomb and the hydrogen bomb. Almost every day we receive an article or articles from somebody, wanting to outlaw the atomic bomb.

Recently the General Conference of the Swedish Church petitioned the World Council of Churches "to use every means in its power to obtain the banning of atomic weapons and asked the Swedish government to seek the outlawing of the bomb by the United Nations."

But the Conference did not state how the banning was to be done.

We are in favor of outlawing it, but the problem is: who is going to do the outlawing? And how?

For instance, if the United States and England and France and Russia should agree to immediately abandon the production of atomic bombs, what assurance do we have that the agreement would be kept?

As long as other nations are preparing for war, it behooves us to at least keep our powder dry.

We certainly wish fervently

that there were some way to prohibit war but it seems to us that it would be foolish for us to abandon any weapon, atomic, hydrogen or what have you, unless we have assurance that others will do likewise.

However, heartless and cruel it may sound we believe that we should pray and work for peace, but be prepared for the worst.

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## The One Hundredth Attempt Will Also Fail

According to the Associated Press, "Magician Claude Noble's attempt to contact the spirit of Clarence Darrow failed again yesterday, the tenth time since the famed criminal lawyer's death on March 13, 1938."

Noble, a 60-year-old Detroit businessman, knelt on the Lagoon Bridge in Jackson Park, from which Darrow's ashes were scattered over the waters. He intoned the Lord's Prayer, then asked Darrow to rap on a copy of a book, "How to Conduct a Criminal Case," he held in his hand.

Noble said he "didn't expect it to happen. But I hope the Lord may somehow permit him (Darrow) to manifest himself." Darrow, Noble and the late magician, Howard Thurston, many years ago had agreed that the survivor would attempt to contact the others once a year. The purpose was one of debunking, Noble said, but each had hopes of "some manifestation," the Lord permitting.

Mr. Noble is not the only person who has tried to communicate with the dead and he is not the only person who has failed. There is a gulf between us. "It is appointed unto a man once to die, but after this the judgement."

If Mr. Noble and others of his kind who are either publicity seekers or else trying to communicate with the dead would spend more time trying to communicate with the Lord, they would probably come nearer meeting their loved ones on the other side provided their loved ones are in the right place.

—BR—

**A REVIVAL WAS HELD AT UNION Church in Smith County July 23-30. Rev. Clarence Thompson of Leadwood, Mo., was the visiting evangelist and Rev. L. K. Turner of Leaksville directed the singing. Rev. B. H. Benton is the pastor.**

**MISS EDNA SULLIVAN LED IN A Vacation Bible School at Sylva Rena Church in Yalobusha-Panola Association July 24-28. Rev. Joseph W. Oliver, the associational missionary, assisted in the plans. There were 53 pupils enrolled. The offering, \$10.20, was designated for the girls' dormitory at Clarke College.**

**BIG RIDGE CHURCH HELD ITS Vacation Bible School July 24-28, with O. B. Anderson, Gulf Coast Associational Missionary, as the principal. The enrollment was 115, the largest since the organization of the church. Rev. R. L. Vaughn is the pastor.**



## Our Readers Write

Dear Sir:

I want you to know I have been taking this paper I feel like ever since it was put out. At first it was the Mississippi Baptist. Brother L. E. Lightsey was getting up subscriptions. I first subscribed with him. Then the name was changed. I still take it and don't see how I'd do without it.

Mrs. Nany Riggs  
New Augusta, Miss.

I always look forward to the coming of the Baptist Record to learn of the happenings in the great old State of Mississippi.

An Exiled Mississippian

I certainly do enjoy the Baptist Record even though I do not always agree with everything in it. But some folks disagree with me. You do a good job of arranging the articles so as to make them attractive and instructive.

North Mississippi

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

You editors must have a hard time according to some of the letters I have seen in recent issues of the Record. Don't let them worry you. You are doing a good job and I am for you.

A Pastor

Comment: For every critical letter that we get, we receive 100 that express appreciation. But we are glad to have the critical ones. It keeps us on our toes.

Dear Editor:

We can't get along without our Baptist paper

Mrs. George Owens  
Pontotoc County

Dear Brother Goodrich:

I always live for my Record to come. I enjoy every word of it.

Charles L. McKay,  
Pascagoula

I would like very much to commend the staff for the fine work you are doing on the Record.

A Reader

—BR—

### New Harmony Has Revival

New Harmony Church in Neshoba County held a revival July 16-21 in which Rev. D. Aycock of Laurel was the visiting evangelist. There were 12 additions to the church, four on profession of faith.

The pastor, Rev. Bill Moore, led in a Vacation Bible School, which was held in connection with the revival.

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JOHN LEWIS MCCOY

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Whereas God, in his infinite wisdom saw fit to remove from us Brother John Lewis McCoy, and

Whereas he served his church faithfully as a devout member, Deacon and Teacher of the Adult Mens Bible Class for a number of years and he will be greatly missed by the Board of Deacons and Men's Bible Class,

Whereas he contributed to the progress of the church through loyal attendance, mature wisdom and exemplary Christian graces, therefore be it,

Resolved that we the Deacons and Men's Adult Bible Class of the Richton Baptists Church express our appreciation for his services through the years.

Resolved, that we declare our sense of loss in his departure.

Resolved, that we offer our deepest sympathy and condolence to his family and loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,  
By Deacons,  
Members of Men's Adult  
Bible Class,  
Richton Church.



Shown above are a group of college students who are now engaged in five weeks of field work for the State Training Union Department. They are shown in the assembly room of the Baptist Building as they received instructions in a clinic led by W. C. Morgan, Associate in the Training Union Department. They are, left to right, front row: Joy D. Morgan, Jackson; Betty Hartzog, Newhebron; Martha Bell, Crystal Springs; W. C. Morgan, Jackson; Second row: Fay Lee, Brookhaven; Helen Rushing, Magnolia; Betty Rayborn, Pricedale; Third row: Jeannene Todd, Itta Bena; Floyd Wood, Mize; Willodene Langston, Foxworth; Betty Rodgers, Crystal Springs.

### CALENDAR OF PRAYER

August 14—Jr. G. A. Camp, Districts 3, 5 and 7 at Garaywa; Marilyn Burney, office secretary, W.M.U. Department, Baptist Headquarters.

August 15—H. M. Jordan, Bolivar Association Training Union Director; Rev. G. Y. Gerard, Morton, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

August 16—John Carter, Clarke College faculty; B. W. Keating, Panola Association Sunday School Superintendent.

August 17—Will Jacobs, Mississippi Baptist Hospital trustee; Rev. J. R. Davis, Union County Convention Board members.

August 18—Woman's College Endowment Campaign; Prof. Wilson Fulton, Mississippi College faculty

August 19—Mrs. E. R. Pinson, Newton Association W. M. U. Superintendent; George Kirk, Madison - Yazoo Association Brotherhood president.

August 20—Mrs. W. G. McGill, trustee, Blue Mountain College.

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### AMONG THE VISITORS TO THE

Baptist Record office this week were: Rev. C. K. Rand, Brookhaven; Frank E. Skelton, Blue Mountain; Gladys Sellers, Laurel; Rev. Roy R. Brigance, Gloster; J. E. Murray, Harrisville; Rev. James L. Lawrence, Mayersville; Mrs. J. E. Booth, Mathiston; Jerry Booth, Mathiston; Rev. F. V. McFatrige, Coldwater; Ralph Marshall, Jr., Natchez; Rev. Arthur H. Leslie, Natchez; Mrs. Sam Woolfolk, Pratt; Mrs. T. O. Waggener, Jackson; Mrs. A. A. Scarborough, McComb; Rhelda Faye Williams, McComb; Melba Stokes, McComb; Mrs. Pauline Holmes, McComb; Harbara Holmes, McComb; Joyce Stokes, McComb; Barbara Ann Smith, McComb; Polly Eva Holmes, McComb; Rev. Tracy B. Barnett Jr., DeKalb; Rev. Jesse B. Watkins, New Hebron; Dewey Lane, New Hebron; Rev. W. A. Hogan, Bay Springs; Rev. George H. Gay, Ripley; Mrs. W. L. Burke, Star; Rev. C. C. Rhinehart, Rienzi; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Florence; Rev. R. G. Fisher, Hothorn; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; Rev. F. C. Norris, Hattiesburg.

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WANTED: A MIDDLE AGED Woman to keep house for a teacher and a shut-in. Write Box 466, Clinton, Miss.

## 144 Decisions In Hamilton Street Revival Planned For Eight Days; Continues 25 Days

The revival meeting at Hamilton Street Chapel, Brookhaven, closed on August 2, after 25 days of continuous revival effort.

The revival started with K. Rand, Field Worker of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, a converted Catholic, as the evangelist, and was planned for 8 days, but was continued for 4 more nights until Mr. Rand left for an engagement in North Carolina.

However, the revival continued with the pastor, Rev. A. Martin Sanders, director of the City Mission Program, doing the preaching. The closing date was postponed 5 times. Mr. Rand returned for the final service which was a mass meeting. All of the music was under the direction of T. H. Ramsey, with special music being

presented each evening.

In many of the services it was impossible to accommodate the crowds and large numbers were forced to stand outside. One young man who wished to confess Christ as his Saviour was unable to get inside the building because of the crowd. One evening the auditorium accommodated only half of the crowd, many sat in the baptismal pool.

There were 144 decisions for Christ. There were 43 additions to the church, 23 by profession of faith.

The chapel completed its baptismal pool only 6 weeks ago and has baptized 38 candidates since that time; others are waiting.

As a result of the revival, 12 prayer meetings each week among the members.

## 30 Professions In Horse Shoe Revival, VBS

Horse Shoe Church near Tchula, held its Vacation Bible School in July, immediately followed by the annual revival. There were two professions of faith in the Bible School, 22 in the revival. Also the Bible School had 8 dedications. There were 12 others at the close of the revival.

The pastor, Rev. Frank Morgan, Jr., did the preaching and Leonard Wilkinson, Murray, Ky., led the singing during the meeting.

## 50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.  
50 Years Ago

The Baptists at Poplarville dedicated their new house of worship on a recent Sunday, the cost of which brought their church property to an estimated \$4,000. The dedication sermon was preached by Dr. J. B. Searcy of Biloxi, and Pastor W. B. Holcomb led the dedication prayer.

The East Fork Church, Amite County, closed a very successful meeting resulting in 12 additions. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Hewitt of Osyka, was assisted by Rev. J. B. Lawrence of Greenwood. The reporter, E. A. Bates, says that Brother Hewitt had resigned to attend the Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

40 Years Ago

Pastor T. L. Holcomb of Durant reports "a most gracious meeting" in the Durant Church, with Dr. J. C. Massee as preacher and Rev. Tom Brown leading the singing. There were 28 additions, 19 of whom came for baptism.

The meeting of days in the Kosciusko Baptist Church closed with 14 additions, six for baptism. Pastor W. A. Roper was assisted by Rev. L. E. Barton of West Point.

Rev. Bryan Simmons helped pastor D. J. Miley at Weathersby with 26 coming for baptism.

25 Years Ago

Rev. C. S. Moulder preached in the revival meeting in the Corinth Church, Simpson Co. when 17 were added to the church, 12 for baptism. Pastor L. S. Gardner resigned his six churches because of ill health.

The revival in the Houlika Baptist Church closed with 20 accessions, 17 for baptism. Secretary R. B. Gunter assisted Pastor A. C. Furr.

The Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, closed a meeting with 44 for baptism and 34 by letter. Pastor B. W. Hudson had as helpers Rev. S. G. Posey of Biloxi as preacher and Alva H. Doty as singer.

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## Prentiss County's Piney Grove Church Leads State in Per Capita Baptisms

Piney Grove Church, Prentiss County, Rev. C. C. Rinehart, had the highest ratio of baptisms per member of any church in Mississippi for the year 1949 according to a report from Porter Routh, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Mr. Routh's report based on reports submitted by associational clerks and indicates that the Piney Grove church baptized one person for every 1.2 members.

East Booneville Church, also in Prentiss County ranked second. Location probably was not a factor but the first seven churches are from northern sections of Mississippi.

The list of the first 97 churches based on baptisms per member follows:

Association	Church	Pastor	Bap.	Mem.	Ratio
Prentiss	Piney Grove	C. C. Rinehart	15	18	1.2
Prentiss	East Booneville	Rienzi Smith Windham	36	67	1.9
Monroe	New Hope	R. H. Parker	21	42	2.0
Columbus	Antioch	Birmingham, Ala. W. M. Dorris	21	42	2.0
Lafayette	North Oxford	Newton D. M. Crawford	16	34	2.1
Columbus	Southside	Holly Springs Turner Davis, Jr.	37	78	2.1
Deer Creek	Calvary	Columbus E. A. Lucas	36	83	2.3
Wayne	Calvary	Belzoni Virgil Ratcliff	91	209	2.3
Deer Creek	Beulah	Waynesboro J. H. Burrell	22	55	2.5
Alcorn	Love Joy	James W. R. Prince	63	78	2.8
Calhoun	Victory	Leedy E. D. McCollough	27	76	2.8
Scott	Two Mile	Hickory Flat F. O. Thrash	16	46	2.9
Jackson	Magnolia	Morton J. M. Pierce	12	36	3.0
Leake	New Providence	Newton Harvey Pittman	10	30	3.0
Columbus	Mt. Carmel	Thomastown Leon A. Brown	11	35	3.2
Hinds	Emmanuel	Columbus J. H. Royalty	47	164	3.3
Pontotoc	Cairo	Jackson H. W. McDonald	13	44	3.4
Pearl River	West Poplarville	New Albany W. W. Grafton, Jr.	16	54	3.4
Deer Creek	Greenville, Calvary	New Orleans, La. R. B. Dickson	35	122	3.5
Leflore	Phillipston	Greenville C. J. Olander	27	96	3.6
Tishomingo	Mt. Moriah	Morgan City O. L. Butler	35	126	3.6
Bolivar	Meltonia	Corinth Charles Everett	31	40	3.6
Prentiss	Pleasant Ridge	Merigold M. A. Jones	25	89	3.6
Deer Creek	Greenville, East	Jackson, Tenn. Homer Roberson	93	335	3.6
Tishomingo	Mt. Vernon	Greenville 33	124	3.8	
Calhoun	Calvary	Percy Ray	16	61	3.8
Jasper	Enon	Myrtle J. O. Gay	13	70	3.9
Bolivar	Waxhaw	Birmingham, Ala. F. L. Warren	36	142	3.9
Itawamba	Antioch	Shaw J. C. Graham	86	143	4.0
Bolivar	Centerfield	Golden F. L. Warren	25	102	4.1
Chickasaw	Schooner Valley	Shaw Frank Warren	21	46	4.1
Deer Creek	Mayersville	Pontotoc J. L. Lawrence	10	41	4.1
Lawrence	Oma	Clinton Jack Price	10	67	4.2
Winston	Crystal Ridge	Oma A. W. Nix	9	39	4.3
Zion	Double Spring	Mashulaville Marcus Smith	4	18	4.5
Jones	New Hope	Clinton Cook Hurst	22	98	4.5
Prentiss	Fairview	Newton Lewis Parker	66	297	4.5
Grenada	Hebron	Booneville E. L. Norwood	26	119	4.6
Sunflower	Wade	Grenada W. J. Hughes	29	134	4.6
Gulf Coast	Pass Christian	Clinton W. S. Allen	36	170	4.7
Tishomingo	Highland	Pass Christian W. A. Hamilton	65	317	4.9
Tate	Ebenezer	Belmont C. O. Pate	12	59	4.9
		Senatobia			

Jones	Glade	Fred Williams	54	271	5.00
Mississippi	Hux	Clinton A. A. Ward	8	40	5.0
Winston	East Louisville	Centerville Don Jones	24	121	5.0
Alcorn	Shiloh	Louisville W. R. Prince	51	259	5.1
Warren	Antioch	Leedy Jimmie Wasson	8	41	5.1
Lauderdale	Mt. Horeb	Clinton W. H. Henderson	26	134	5.2
Pearl River	Ozona	Newton Ben A. Landrum	18	93	5.2
Adams-Franklin	Immanuel	Picayune A. C. Johnson	15	78	5.2
Perry	Brewer	Natchez O. D. Gargile	34	180	5.3
Yalobusha	Haven Hill	Richton 7	37	5.3	
Tallahatchie	Cowart	H. B. Vinson	23	123	5.3
Pontotoc	Turnpike	Charleston L. L. Owen	13	71	5.5
Perry	Buck Creek	Thaxton B. E. Cooley	15	83	5.5
Jones	Myrick	Hattiesburg R. T. Liles	19	104	5.5
Smith	Clear Springs	Laurel J. T. Chapman	14	79	5.6
Deer Creek	Cary	Chunkey Fred Barter	18	100	5.6
New Choctaw	Pine Bluff	Cary E. W. Willis	3	17	5.7
Covington	Ora	Philadelphia 18	102	5.7	
Covington	Calvary	Chester Roberts	3	17	5.7
Yazoo	Bethlehem	Mt. Olive W. B. Blackwell	26	165	5.9
Jones	Oakland Grove	Benton John Hibun	21	124	5.9
Gulf Coast	New Hope	Clinton J. B. Watkins	17	101	5.9
Deer Creek	Alexander Memorial	Lyman J. H. Burrell	13	77	5.9
Jackson	Kreole, First	James W. L. Warren	27	158	5.9
Pearl River	Derby	Kreole A. L. Major	25	147	5.9
Lauderdale	Oakland Heights	New Orleans, La. C. O. Lindsey	36	211	5.9
Hinds	Elaine	Meridian R. R. Newman	29	171	5.9
Tishomingo	Overton Chapel	Jackson Edgar Monroe	11	66	6.0
Hinds	Forest Hill	Dennis Lewis V. Wells	41	252	6.0
Jones	Ovett	Jackson Joe Boutwell	9	56	6.2
Yazoo	Yazoo City	Ovett J. N. Brister	20	123	6.2
Jones	Fellowship	Yazoo City J. C. Holifield	19	120	6.3
Warren	Woodlawn	Clinton S. L. Walker	29	184	6.3
Noxubee	Deer Brook	Vicksburg W. T. Douglas	3	50	6.3
Leake	Good Hope	Brooksville H. P. McDonald	26	165	6.3
Newton	Mt. Pleasant	Lena R. A. Herrington	7	45	6.4
Zion	Alva	Newton R. L. Honeycutt, Jr.	10	64	6.4
Lauderdale	Center Grove	Clinton M. K. Boles	13	85	6.5
Rankin	Mt. Pisgah	Meridian Harold Jordan	27	176	6.5
Attala	Unity	Jackson H. C. Ellis	31	200	6.5
Perry	East Side	West W. E. Grissom	11	71	6.5
Noxubee	Calvary	Petal Joe Abrams	2	13	6.5
Rankin	Pearl City	Shuglak Henry Bucklew	23	149	6.5
Tishomingo	New Prospect	Jackson W. C. Hamilton	19	125	6.6
Smith	Sharon	Tishomingo R. H. Thompson	6	40	6.7
Oktibbeha	Beat Line	Burris W. E. Butler	25	168	6.7
Union	Center	Union W. C. Rakestraw	47	315	6.7
Deer Creek	Swiftwater	Blue Springs D. I. Young	18	120	6.7
Sunflower	Dockery	Greenville R. E. Kyzar	22	149	6.8
Pontotoc	West Heights	Clinton R. B. Patterson, Jr.	18	122	6.8

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The First Church, Columbus, has completed its Vacation Bible School, which, according to Educational Director, W. Otis Seal, is the largest in the state thus far with 502 enrolled. The faculty consisted of 96 workers. There were 11 departments. Sixteen made professions of faith during the school. Dr. S. R. Woodson is the pastor.

## Department of Temperance Activities

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### CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Christ is the answer to every problem in life. Sin enslaves its victims, and no individual within his own power can break its shackles.

Alcoholic beverage is a habit forming narcotic drug. Once a person becomes addicted to drink one finds himself enslaved to it. Many a man has tried in vain to loose himself from this tyrant. Happy is the man who realizes that he cannot, within himself, loose himself from it but realizes that Jesus can. It is at this point that Jesus comes in. He is the answer to every problem of life.

He can set a man free from the habit of drink as well as from any and every other sin. The following is an example of the power of Jesus over sin; we quote from an unsolicited letter received by this department recently.

"I am a consistent Baptist reader of your writings in the BAPTIST RECORD each week. They are all good, but I liked especially the July 13th issue, and I have a personal testimony to bear out your point number seven. I have tried every way imaginable to give up alcohol on my own strength but could not do it. I was a victim of beer, alone, and was a slave to it to the extent of 20 to 30 cans per day, and even more on special days. It was a case of before breakfast, during the day often, and every evening into the wee hours of night. I have been

guilty of getting out of bed and going to the refrigerator for beer, interrupting the little rest that I was getting. I, myself, don't understand my stomach capacity, but these are facts, related only for the purpose of showing others the dangers of the filthy stuff, and thus glorifying God in relating the way of escape.

"There were several things that brought me to my knees, but the fact is that I layed my burden upon the Lord and asked Him for the strength and will-power to overcome. I expected a dreadful fight, but much to my surprise, God answered my prayer with more than I had asked. He miraculously removed my taste and desire for any form of alcohol, and I can say with all praise and glory to Him that I have not had the first urge or desire for alcohol since I got off my knees at that praying. Today I am a Christian, with Christ as my example, and am living on a mountain-top of victory over this terrible thing of the devil. It is a thing of the past now of several months, and I have been able to go further and deeper with the Lord. I look back only as a thing conquered, and look forward with a realization that other things more trivial await to be conquered, but with Paul, I say, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me.'"

### Prentiss County's Piney Grove Church Leads

(Continued from Page Six)				
Gulf Coast	Gulfport, East Side	Pontotoc	26	178 6.8
Lauderdale	Key Field	Dan Morton	12	81 6.8
Pearl River	Oak Hill	Gulfport	27	187 6.9
Marion	Columbia, Calvary	W. A. Sullivan	10	69 6.9
Pontotoc	Macedonia	Meridian	10	70 7.0
Copiah	Damascus	D. Wade Smith	42	294 7.0
		Poplarville		
		J. S. Trent		
		Columbia		
		George Wages		
		Blue Mountain		
		Sammie Crawford		
		Hazelhurst		

## BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

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### PLAN FOR LAYMAN'S DAY

Layman's Day will be observed throughout the Southern Baptist Convention on Sunday, October 8. This special day, set aside annually by Southern Baptists on their denominational calendar, enables the churches to recognize their laymen and the fine contributions that they continually make in advancing the work of the Lord at home and abroad.

Layman's Day should be a "big day" in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention. It is not too early for church Brotherhood leaders to begin making plans to see that the day is properly observed. It is recommended that the Brotherhood president appoint a special committee (three or four men) at the next regular meeting to meet and work with and through the pastor in making elaborate plans for the observance of the special day in their church.

Every effort should be made by the Brotherhood to fill the church with men on this day. The pastor, in turn, is requested to bring a message which will have a special appeal to men; one which will challenge them into a more active participation in the advancement of the work of their church and denomination.

### CO-OP PROGRAM—25TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Southern Baptist Cooperative Program was begun in 1925. This makes 1950 the 25th Anniversary of its beginning, which accounts for the unusual and attractive anniversary cover of each issue of THE BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL.

Every Brotherhood in the church and association should have at least one program this year devoted to the "Baptist Cooperative Program" and give to the men much information about it, how it works, the causes and agencies it includes, with an appeal for regular support of our missionary, educational and benevolent work through its plan, both state and southwide. The Cooperative Program includes every Baptist, every church, every association, every state, every convention agency, every institution, and every employed Southern Baptist missionary in the state, homeland, and the world. Let us get this across to the men.

### PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR RIDGECREST CONFERENCE

Brotherhood Week at Ridgcrest will be held August 17-23. Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, has announced that the program being arranged for the annual southwide Brotherhood Conference is one which is most practical in every respect.

Commenting on the program, Cooke stated that it will feature periods of prayer, instruction, and inspiration. Prayer periods will be held early each morning. These periods of devotion will be followed with conference sessions during which the men will have an opportunity of discussing the various phases of Brotherhood work—its organizational structure, suggested activities, and promotional problems. The conferences, Cooke stated, will be followed by inspirational periods during which the men will be privileged to hear some of the finest speakers and Brotherhood leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is not too late to plan to attend Brotherhood Week at Ridgcrest. Write at once for your reservation. Address your communication to Mr. Robert Guy, Manager, Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgcrest, North Carolina. A registration fee of \$2 should accompany each request for reservation.

### ORDER JOURNALS

Each Brotherhood should order some copies of the BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL for use as program and supplementary material. They cost 10 cents each for the quarter. Send orders direct to Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee.

### SOUTHERN BAPTISTS STRESS DOCTRINES

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago, the need was expressed for a greater emphasis upon the doctrines of our Baptist faith. Our people need to be better informed so as to know what Baptists believe, and why. In accord with this expression of the convention, there will be effort made by convention agencies and organizations this year to present more Baptist doctrines in conventions, conferences, training schools, encampments, and elsewhere that Baptists get together.

We suggest that every church Brotherhood be sure to include at least one strong program this year on Baptist doctrine. Both pastors and informed Baptist laymen may be used to speak on or teach doctrine.

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## Baptist Congress Is A Strong World Force

### The Opponents Of Freedom And Faith Are Warned

Cleveland — The Baptist World Congress has become a "force to be reckoned with" by those who oppose the traditions of faith and freedom, declared Dr. Theodore F. Adams, vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance.

"Well may they take not—the deniers of liberty, persecutors of their fellow men, Communists and pagans—we Baptists shall do our part to proclaim to men the truth that makes them free," Dr. Adams said. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, Va.

**SPEAKING ON** "The Meaning of This Congress," he said the meetings have accomplished four major things: "We have renewed our fellowship, reaffirmed our faith, restated our Baptist distinctives and reformed our forces for world conquest for Christ."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING  
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August 6, 1950

Meridian, Southside	296	120
Meridian, 41st Avenue	296	80
Meridian, Oakland Heights	170	61
Zion (Pontotoc County)	160	70
Center (Union County)	154	74
Calvary (Amite County)	113	88
Pascagoula, First	786	299
Eastlawn Mission	69	34
Unity Mission	63	34
McArthur St. Mission	22	
Jackson Avenue Mission	33	
Hebron (Jones County)	120	217
Jackson, Van Winkle	394	104
Jackson, Southside	256	165
Jackson, Northside	441	242
Calvary Mission	1183	39
Jackson, First	1174	371
Broadmoor Chapel	63	29
Jackson, Davis Memorial	481	259
Jackson, Parkway	770	283
Parkway Chapel	89	38
Union (Alcorn County)	74	132
Zion Hill (Copiah County)	68	125
Laurel, First	583	168
West Laurel	543	30
Mt. Vern, Leflore County	63	116
Laurel, Second Avenue	403	80
Friendship, Lincoln County	111	185
Gulfport, First	665	82
Florence, Steens Creek	158	205
Bunker Hill	286	60
Big Creek	84	179
Crystal Springs	663	173
Kosciusko, First	584	142
Carmel (Lawrence County)	111	156
Rocky Creek (George Co.)	266	82
Bethlehem (Scott County)	137	229
Columbus, First	785	154
Mantee	110	98
Lucedale	331	54
Providence (Lebanon Ass.)	176	
Bay Springs	186	
(including mission)		
Oloh (Lamar County)	74	100
Long Creek, Lauderdale Co.	71	79
East Louisville	55	34
Houlka (Chickasaw Co.)	101	45
Paynes	181	92
Wallerville	105	56
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	122	117
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	110	41
Brookhaven, First	677	187
Hamilton Street Chapel	122	75
Central Chapel	133	94
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	139	85
Grenada, First	584	82
Ruth	108	124
Sand Hill	85	80
South McComb	224	79
Mission	48	50
East Fork (Amite County)	100	64
Union Chapel	69	48
(Chickasaw County)		
Bruce	315	95
Soso	157	73
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	133	136
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	89	59
Rocky Creek (George Co.)	266	156
Meridian, Highland	488	
West Point, First	525	158
Jackson, Daniel		
Memorial	372	155
July 30, 1950		
Ruth	108	132
Paynes	153	65
Mantee	149	
East Moss Point	213	76
Providence	158	114
Union Chapel	52	44
(Chickasaw County)		
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	173	97
Mt. Vernon (Leflore Co.)	86	51

REV. J. S. GRUBBS, OF PONTOTOC, will do the preaching in a revival at Locke Station Church beginning August 20.

ASHLAND HAS JUST CLOSED A revival in which there were 27 additions, 15 on profession of faith. Rev. D. M. Renick did the preaching and C. F. Kidd was in charge of the music. Both are from Lebel Church, Memphis. Rev. C. H. Frye is the pastor.

## 2ND VBS HELD AT ENON

The Enon Church enrolled 61 in the second Vacation Bible School to be held at the church.

The mission offering was used for preparing two baskets for fruit for invalids in the community, and the remaining \$10.03 was sent to the Co-operative Program.

The WMS served refreshments each day.

The faculty was composed of the following: Mrs. Grady Alexander, Mrs. Herlie Huhnn, Mrs. Cleon O'Quinn, Mrs. Dennis Boyd, Willard Alexander, Mrs. George Roberts, Harold Neil, Miss Grace Boyd, Mrs. Herbert Alford and M. R. Dixon, pastor.

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ZION HILL REVIVAL HAS  
NINETEEN ADDITIONS

Zion Hill Church in Copiah County held one of the best revivals in the history of the church, July 29-Aug. 4.

Rev. Bill Lawrence of Alexandria, La., was the visiting speaker. The pastor, Rev. Rutledge Courtney, led the singing and Miss Bernice McInnis was the pianist. Prayer meetings were held each night before the service.

There were 19 additions, 15 on profession of faith, and 18 rededications.

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MANY RUSSIANS ATTEND  
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The authorities don't know what happened to me after I was taken to Germany. I was slated to be sent to Dachau concentration camp but was sent instead to a work camp in a small German village.

A third Russian said he had been imprisoned five years, seven months on charges of espionage. "I was jailed as an evangelist," he said.

The Reverend Paul Roundtree Clifford, London, England, head of the West Ham Mission East Side Mission described the famous dock district settlement. He said the center ministers to 5,000 persons, and consists of buildings housing a self-run youth's community, plans for \$40,000 for a "Boys' Town of England," modeled after the famous American development, and a 116-acre estate under the patronage of Queen Elizabeth.

Dr. Peter H. H. Lee, chairman of the 30-person Chinese delegation, said he would return to Red-dominated Shanghai to continue work as local pastor and professor at the Shanghai Baptist Seminary. Dr. Lee and David C. Yang, a lay preacher, said mail from communist China remains uncensored but "our friends write with extreme care."

The Chinese said freedom of religion, and freedom to oppose religion in any form, are guaranteed by the communist constitution at least by the letter of the law. Yang added, "it remains to be seen how they will carry it out."

Dr. Lee drew a sharp distinction between Chinese communism and that of Russia.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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ROBERT S. DENNY

Mr. Robert S. (Bob) Denny, Associate Southwide BSU Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., is to appear several times on the program of the Mississippi BSU Convention, to be held at Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, October 27-29, next. Mr. Denny is one of the best trained and most experienced leaders in student circles today and is a perennial favorite with Mississippi students.

## POTPOURRI

Miss. College students and faculty gave \$212.10 to the Lord's work last month, according to a report received. Fourteen unsaved are reported from Pearl River Jr.; 8, from Southwest Jr. . . Four Ole Miss students are teaching Sunday School classes at Oxford; three are sponsoring Training Unions; one is a R. A. leader; three are singing in the church choir; one is pianist for the High School choir and assistant church organist. The Ole Miss BSU recently sent 100 New Testaments to Maurine Sparkman, one of our Summer

Missionaries in Hawaii. . . We of the Miss. BSU welcome most heartily Miss Emma Grace Ross, new BSU Secretary for Pea River Junior College, Poplarville. Miss Ross, who began her work July 1st, was active in BSU at MSCW and has her Masters from the Training School in Louisville, Ky. Let us remember her prayerfully as she continues her work for Christ. . .

Miss. has 19 junior colleges — probably more than any southern state save Texas, perhaps. . . Pastors, we urge you to send us a list of the names and college addresses of your college students, or, better still, write the pastors in the college centers to which they go about them. . . We appreciated cards from our preacher-brother, Paul, and from Miss Dora Etta Solomon, until recently BSU sec'y at Pearl River Jr., while they were at the Bapt. World Alliance. . . We can most sincerely congratulate Mr. Charles Bingham of Jackson on winning our very efficient Office Secretary as his bride. We are glad that she plans to stay on with us. . . Pastors, why not schedule an "Off-to-College Day" in your church this month, telling the college students from your church how to get the most and best out of college life by putting Christ and His church first in their lives while they are away from home at school? . . . BSU Secretaries S. A. Salter, Miss State, and Marian Leavell, Ole Miss, are the first two to register for our State Pre-School Retreat, Camp Garaywa, Aug. 28-30. Registration fee is \$1.00 for BSU Secretaries, College pastors, Faculty Advisers, Local BSU Presidents, and the State BSU Council. All others must pay \$5.25 for the entire camp beginning with the noon meal on the 28th and ending with the noon meal on the 30th. Deadline for registration is Aug. 25 in this office. Pray for this important meeting.

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### MR. J. E. SWEANY

Mr. J. E. Sweany, native of Holmes County, and former associate Sunday school secretary, passed to his Heavenly reward a few days ago.

When the present state Sunday school secretary came to the Sunday School Department, more than twenty-six years ago, he succeeded Mr. Sweany as associate secretary, under former secretary, Dr. J. E. Byrd.

Through all these years since, Mr. Sweany has been a faithful, capable, energetic Sunday school worker, loyal to his church and the work of our Baptist cause generally. He has made a fine contribution to the work of Christ through his years of service.

### IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN

Yes, election time has come again for our Sunday school forces.

Since the year closes September 30, and since all the officers and teachers are to be elected each year, it is now time to get busy and appoint the Nominating Committee to pray, select, enlist all the officers and teachers, and then present these names to the church for election, and have all this completed before September closes.

Sunday school work is definitely church work; therefore, all the officers and teachers should be elected by the church, and thus give them the feeling of assurance that the church is supporting them and their important work, and also to help them to more fully realize that their work is a vital part of the whole church program.

So, if you have not yet appointed your committee, do so at once so it will have plenty of time to properly do this important matter.

Most elections are important, and this one surely is.

### MISSISSIPPI HAS GOOD RECORD

From the Nashville office we get the encouraging news that of the nearly twenty-seven thousand churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, East McComb stands twelfth, and Parkway, Jackson, is fourteenth in the total number of Sunday school training awards for first nine months of this Sunday school year.

Congratulations, Pastors Edwards and Price, and Superintendents Felder and Beard, together with all your fine fellow-workers, on this excellent record of training for efficiency!

Hinds Association, Mississippi, stands twentieth among the more than 900 associations in this same item.

We are so grateful to every one who has had a part in this good work of training our people for better work.

### WORTH THINKING ABOUT

A study of the 2,030 city churches West of the Mississippi river shows that the churches enlisting the largest number in Sunday school in relation to their membership have the best record in evangelism.

Churches enlisting 117 per cent of their church membership in Sunday school reported one baptism for each 8.2 members; churches enlisting

as many as 75 per cent in Sunday school as they reported church members, reported one baptism for each 19.8 members; while churches enlisting only 54 per cent as many in Sunday school as they reported church members had only one baptism for each 39.6 members.

Yes, the Sunday school is still the church's greatest evangelistic opportunity. Let's make good use of it for this important purpose.

### OBEY THE LAWS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

A Sunday school does have laws of growth the same as other things. If we obey these laws, we grow. If we do not obey them, we lose. Here they are:

1. **The Law Relating to the Number of Workers.** Enrollment increases in proportion to the number of workers at the ratio of ten to one.

2. **The Law Relating to the Size of Classes.** Classes reach their maximum growth in a few months.

3. **The Law Relating to Grading.** New classes are difficult to start unless a grading plan is followed.

4. **The Law Relating to New Units.** New units (classes and departments) grow faster, win more people to Christ, and provide more workers than the established units.

5. **The Law Relating to Visitation.** Enrollment and attendance increase in proportion to the number of personal visits. The ratio is about ten to one.

### SO WHAT?

Just this: If we are wise Sunday school builders, we shall follow these tried and tested and proven laws that have helped Southern Baptists lead the world in building bigger and better Sunday school.

—BR—



Shown above is the Sunbeam Band of the Houlika Church. Mrs. T. J. Munlin is serving as leader for the second consecutive year. They are, left to right, front row: Jan Andrews, Dewayne Lowrey, Martha Hinton and Barbara Nell Washington; second row: Kay Young, Jean Barnette, Betty Barnette, Sue Lowrey, Thomas Washington; third row, Mrs. T. J. Munlin, Everete Winter, Jewel Winter.

—BR—

**ANTIOCH CHURCH IN NESHOBA** County enrolled 110 in one of the most successful Bible School in its history. Mrs. W. L. McKinion served as principal. Rev. Truly Reynolds is the pastor. General workers were: Nadine Joyner, Betty Jean Ward, Mrs. Flora Joyner, Mrs. Cecil Alanine, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Herrington.

## Sixty-Five Additions In Walnut Revival



REV. CHARLES PHILIPS

Walnut Church, Quitman County, has just closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church.

Rev. Charles Philips, a junior at Mississippi College, did the preaching and Rev. Bobby Jackson, a sophomore at Mississippi College led the singing. Miss Mary Wanda Forbes, music teacher in the Walnut School, was pianist.

There were 65 additions to the church, 50 on profession of faith and many rededicated their lives to the Lord.

Rev. J. H. Sherman is the Walnut Pastor.

## 4 Professions In Hebron VBS

Hebron Church in Yazoo County recently held its annual Vacation Bible School in which sixty-five were enrolled. Jimmy Hodges, a senior at Mississippi College and pastor of the church, served as principal.

Workers included: Mrs. Basil Hilderbrand, Mrs. Jimmy Hodges, Misses Myrtle Hilderbrand and Lena Anderson, Mrs. C. D. Hilderbrand, Mrs. Otho Hilderbrand, Mrs. I. V. Hilderbrand, Mrs. Philip Hilderbrand, Mrs. L. M. Coody, Miss Joanne Lancaster, Basil Hilderbrand, Paul Adams, Philip Hilderbrand, and George Dillard.

At the close of the school there were four professions of faith.

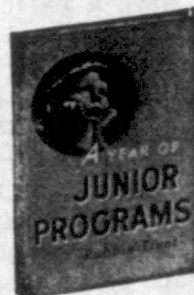
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## Dorroh Resigns At Bethany; Accepts Crenshaw Pastorate

Rev. J. B. Dorroh has resigned the pastorate of the Bethany Church, Slate Springs, in order to accept the pastorate of Crenshaw Church in Panola County. Mr. Dorroh served in the Bethany pastorate for seven years. At the end of his third year, the church went from half-time to full time. There have been 111 additions to the church, 47 on profession of faith. A new building has been constructed at a cost of \$30,000 and a new parsonage, at \$2,500.

The growth of the church is also seen in greatly increased attendance and increased offerings. Mrs. Dorroh has also been a great asset to the church.

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### Oxford Is Having Youth Week

Seventy-four young people of the Oxford Baptist Church have taken over this week and are serving in the leadership positions of the church. It is YOUTH WEEK. Regular officers met with the Youth Week officers the week before and went over with them the work. They in turn have had committee meetings etc. and at the close of the week will make their reports to the church in conference. Many of our churches are observing Youth Week each year, and glowing reports have come in this year magnifying the efficiency of our young people. The Oxford Church used all of its youth between the ages of 13 and 20 who were not away from home. There was not a single one who refused to serve, showing that we are growing a future leadership of eager, efficient church members. YES, it takes a LOT of work to plan Youth Week. There must be at least ONE person who will go all out for it, giving the necessary time, but it pays great dividends.

### Staff Members Attend B. W. A. Congress

Because of the generosity of pastor Erwin Brown of the Murphy Creek Church, Winston Co. three members of the Training Union staff had the privilege of attending the Baptist Work Alliance Congress held in Cleveland Ohio July 22-27. Misses Gladys Bryant, Louise Hill and Alene Johnson were the lucky three. We have not had occasion to interview these travelers yet, but know from cards received they had a grand and glorious time. After the meeting in Cleveland they visited Niagra Falls and Washington D. C.

### August For Extension

No time as good as August for visiting open country churches in the interest of organizing unions where none exist. Make an appointment with some church in your association. Do it through their pastor if possible, or through some one of the church leaders. Ask the privilege of bringing a group out and giving a demonstration program, then help them organize if they decide they want a union. The first step will be to get a good leader elected. Without a leader to lead on after you leave, your work will be in vain.

### A Missionary Project For Your Training Union

Your gift of \$10.00 to the Braille Evangel will help send this religious magazine to four (4) blind individuals for one year. The Braille Evangel, a religious monthly magazine for the blind, is a world-wide literary mission enterprise carrying the gospel to thousands of blind people throughout the United States and in 25 foreign countries. This Magazine is Baptist in editorship, management and Board of Directors. The content is composed of the highest type of evangelical literature selected from current Baptist publications. Each issue contains sermons, stories, religious verse, sacred music, Bible study and other readings of Christian life. If you were required to close your eyes for one

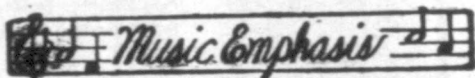
day, you would realize only in part the many privations in the personal lives of 250,000 blind people in the United States, and 12 million in foreign lands. If you would like to share in this worthy mission enterprise send your contribution to, The Braille Evangel, Box 6001, Seminary Hill, Fort Worth 10, Texas.

### One Visit Got The Job Done

After talking to one of the leading members of the Old Oak Grove Church, Union Co. Associational Director Horace Thomas had an invitation to visit the church on the following Sunday night. This church had never had a Training Union and Mr. Thomas, eager for EVERY church in his association to have a union, grabbed this opportunity. He was met by a fine group of interested people, and before the evening was over a Story Hour, Junior Union, Intermediate Union, Young People's Union and an Adult Union were organized. A study course was arranged, and one week hence two special workers from the State Training Union Department taught this study course. These workers reporting on this union said they gave a demonstration program on the last night of the study course, and that they had never seen a better program. It goes without saying that Director Thomas, as well as the Old Oak Grove church rejoice in this victory.

### An All Church Social

August is a wonderful time for a church picnic. Why not try it this month. Go to some beauty spot, have dinner on the ground, play games in the afternoon, have a watermelon cutting late afternoon, and close with a devotional program.



### CHURCH MUSIC CURRICULUM

It is not generally known that our south-wide Music Department of The Sunday School Board offers a splendid course of study leading to a Church Music Diploma. This study is promoted through the Mississippi Music Section of Training. This department is under the leadership of W. C. Morgan, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following is an outline of this course of study: **Section I. Music Fundamentals:** 1. Practical Music Lessons, Part one. 2. Practical Music Lessons, Part two. 3. Hymn Playing. 4. Technique of Conducting. 5. Class Voice. **Section II. Music Appreciation:** 1. Let Us Sing. 2. Music and the Scriptures. 3. Hymnology.

**Section III. Music Ministry in the Local Church:** 1. Promoting Church Music. 2. Instrumental Music. 3. Methods and Materials for Graded Choirs.

**Section IV. Integrating Courses:** 1. Building a Standard Sunday School, or some other book selected by the Secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. 2. The Baptist Training Union Manual or some other book selected by the Secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. 3. A Doctrinal

## -- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma B. Sledge, Jackson; Exec. Sec'y.—Miss Edwina Robinson  
Young People's Sec'y.—Miss Nell Taylor



DR. TRIBBLE

Dr. Tribble will be the Bible Hour speaker for the W. M. U. Conference at Ridgecrest, Aug. 10-16. Miss Applegarth will be one of the devotional speakers. Many outstanding speakers both from this country and other nations will be present for the week of W. M. U. Conference. More than 30 women from Mississippi already have reservation for the conference. They are planning to travel on a chartered bus.

### RESIGNATION OF R. A. SECRETARY

Since assuming the duties of R. A. Secretary for Mississippi January 1, 1948, I have finished the requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Degree at Mississippi College, and see the need for furthering my education. I have felt lead to select the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary located in Berkley, California as the place to continue my studies, I therefore tender my resignation as R. A. Secretary for Mississippi effective July 31, 1950.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the work for the past 2 1-2 years and thank each member of the Board for their sympathetic patience. To every person connected with the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, I wish to express my appreciation and pray God's blessings on each of you.

WALTER F. BISBEE

(We want to express our appreciation for the faithful work of Mr. Bisbee as our R. A. Secretary and wish for him God's blessings as he continues his studies. He has furthered the work and endeared himself to many R. A.'s over the state of Mississippi.)

### MEMORIAL GIFT

A living memorial to the late Mr. L. Z. Dickey of McComb, has been given by his wife. Two Bible women will be laboring in Africa for the Lord because of this gift. Mr. Dickey had been Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist Church, McComb and Treasurer of the Church, also a leader in the building program. In this memorial gift Mrs. Dickey has not only created a living memorial but is furthering the Kingdom of God.

nal Book selected by the secretaries of the departments concerned.

The book "Practical Music Lessons" Part one and Part two is, now, available through the Baptist Book Store. "Request For Award" blanks are available by writing Music Section of Training, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.



MISS APPLGARTH

### BUCATUNA HAS REVIVAL

Bucatunna Church in Wayne County had a revival July 16-21, in which Rev. W. W. Kyzar, Jr., of Eight Mile, Ala., did the preaching. Rev. J. J. Roberts is the pastor. Rae Jenkins was in charge of the music.

On July 24 a large group of women attended the W. M. U. Bible study and on the following Thursday, the associational Young People's Rally met at Bucatunna. The program was directed by Mrs. Virgil Ratcliff and Mrs. Sam Cochran. Rev. W. W. Simpson, missionary to the Choctaw Indians, was one of the features of the program, assisted by some of the Indian Young People.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell  
August 13

EZRA, INTERPRETER OF GOD'S WORD. EZRA 7, 8:15-36; NEHEMIAH 8-9.

### I. OUR LOCATION

Cyrus captured Babylon in 538 B. C. Very early in his reign, he issued a decree allowing the Jewish captives who had been led to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar to return at will to Jerusalem. Along with this, permission was given the command that they should rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. The first large band of these returning Jews was led by Zerubbabel. Ezra does not appear in the book that bears his name until the 7th chapter, where our lesson today begins. Shortly after Darius ascended the throne in 522 B. C., the second temple was dedicated. This was succeeded by a period of silence of almost sixty years—516-458 B. C. When the curtain lifts again the chief power among the Jews has passed from the family of David. Zerubbabel was dead and his sons had not succeeded him. For one reason and another the religious energy of the people became enfeebled. The priests, into whose hands the chief authority had descended, relaxed the policy of religious exclusiveness initiated by Zerubbabel. Intermarriage with the heathen was tolerated and the wealthy class oppressed the poor. It is into the midst of circumstances like these that Ezra steps upon the stage.

He is called in Ezra 7:6-10 a scribe. There were no scribes on record in Israel until after the exile. Of course there were scribes in the sense of recording secretaries in the courts of the kings; but the scribes of our lesson, and those mentioned after the period of this lesson, were of a different order: they were students, interpreters and copiers of the law. They minutely examine the Law, search out its meaning and teach and expound it to the people. Already scribe, therefore, would be one who was prompt and skillful in interpreting the difficulties of the Law. His keenness is the dexterity of this erudition rather than of his pen. The ready scribe was a reader who could read the law, a thing which many D. D.'s can not at this day do intelligibly. Ezra was a good reader, a good explainer, which, believe it or not, is, other things being at all nearly equal, the characteristics of the good preacher unto this day. The scribe differed from the prophet in that the former took the word of God already written and channelled it to the people. It was not the business of the prophet to interpret the interpreter of the Law, but to declare what God was at that time revealing. The prophet spoke a new message while the scribe interpreted the message which had been already recorded.

### II. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE SCRIBE, EZRA. Ezra 7:10

"Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances".

1. The passion of Ezra's heart was to know the law of Jehovah. To seek the meaning of the word of God and to seek it in the word itself, to do as much intellectual digging as is necessary to get at the root of the meaning of God's word, to seek in prayer-directed intellectual pursuit to know the meaning God has put into the word itself, to bring out of the word its meaning, to open the word that its inner beauties and requirements and promises shall become clear to the eyes of the inquiring heart: this is the task and reward of the teacher.

2. "And to do it". There, now! The scribe, the S. S. teacher, the preacher, is not simply to know the word polly-parrot fashion, but to know it in the only

## HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

August 13, 1950

SPEAKER: Dr. Forrest C. Feezor

SUBJECT: The Souls All in All

STATIONS: WLAW, Laurel, 8:30 a. m.; WTOK, Meridian, 2:30 p. m.; WGCM, Gulfport; Memphis, WMP.

real deep-down sense, by doing it, so that it becomes not merely a matter of the head but of the heart and hand as well—this is the task and the exceeding great reward of him who seeks "to do it".

3. "To teach in Israel statutes and judgements". To teach! Why, that is the vocation of every Christian in the world. But, you say, "I can't teach." Oh yes, you can! Your Lord has called you to do that, and He never calls to a task impossible if He is allowed to assist in it. And then, sometimes, the uttered or unuttered declaration, "I am not going to teach!" Oh, yes! you are. Whether you will or not, you are going to teach, and what you teach is going to affect the lives of those you teach through all eternity.

### III. THE SCRIBE EZRA'S METHOD

(Read Now, The Printed Text).

1. He selected a proper place for a meeting. The place is described in the selection for study. Ezra had had a place prepared, and this is an important matter. But a place, however fine and well conditioned, is not of itself enough. 2. Caused the people to gather. Yea, "All the people gathered". There was a get-together which included all the people. Now, that is not just "of course". It is a matter of prime importance that the people all be there. "Now therefore", (Said Cornelius, Acts 10:33) "are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God".

3. Caused them to revere the word of God. He caused them to stand. The printed or written word is not to be treated lightly.

4. He read the word, read it, not merely pronounced the words.

5. He gave the sense of it. Explained its meaning to those who heard. Perhaps that is the distinctive mark of preaching. He caused them, to understand and then caused them to know to do.

## Chas. Skutt Begins Baldwyn Pastorate RESIGNS COMO CHURCH

Rev. Charles H. Skutt began his work as pastor of the Baldwyn Church on July 30. He came to the new field from the pastorate of the Como Church, where he served approximately seven years.

During his pastorate at Como a new building was constructed, a pastatorium was purchased, a Hammond Organ installed, and all of these are now debt free. There were 149 additions to the church.

Mr. Skutt has served in other Mississippi pastorate, as well as having served for more than six years in Virginia, his home state.

The Baldwyn Church, having a membership of more than 600, is planning to occupy its new educational annex by November 1.



Shown above is the attractive church sign of the Concord Church in Rankin County, which was a gift to the church from the Intermediate Class. Both sides are printed so that it can be read from either direction.

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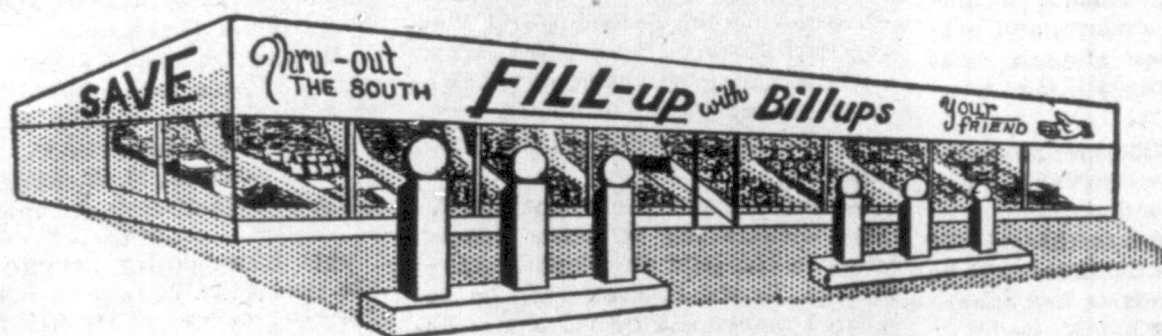
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## RIVER AVENUE PLANS REVIVAL AUGUST 13-20

A revival will be held at the River Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, August 13-20. Rev. Jimmy Riley, of Louisville, Ky., will do the preaching and Harold M. Blakeney of Hattiesburg will lead the singing. Mrs. George Maddox of Petal will serve as pianist.

Prayer meetings are being held nightly in preparation for the revival. Rev. Garland McInnis is pastor of the church.

## NEW HEBRON BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW BLDG. ON 45TH ANNIVERSARY

The Newhebron Church observed its 45th anniversary on August 6. This was scheduled to be the last service in the present building, for included in the day's program was a ground-breaking ceremony held in the afternoon for a proposed building. The new edifice will include a modern auditorium and educational plant on the site of the present building.

Dinner was served on the church grounds.

Rev. J. B. Watkins is the present pastor.

## Revival Adds 38 At Improve

A ten-day revival at Improve Church in Marion County closed on July 30. The pastor, Rev. J. Thomas Tolar, did the preaching and Rev. Jack Bilbo, pastor of Hurrican Creek, led the singing.

There were 38 additions to the church, 28 on profession of faith and 47 rededicated their lives.

## HEBRON REVIVAL BEGINS WITH ALL-DAY SERVICE

Hebron Church, Phoenix, in Yazoo County, will have its annual revival the third Sunday in August this year, instead of the second Sunday as is the usual plan.

Rev. Jimmy Yarborough, a student at Mississippi College, and pastor of the Westview Church near Jackson, is to be the visiting evangelist.

Each evening at 7:30 special prayer services will be held in which different age groups will meet.

Three services are scheduled for the opening day, and dinner will be served on the grounds.

**THE ANNUAL REVIVAL WAS HELD** at Magees Creek Church July 9-16, led by Rev. Clyde R. Meredith, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Church. The singing was led by the pastor, Rev. Arnold Hannaford. During the revival there were 20 additions, 18 of whom came for baptism. Many Christians pledged themselves to greater service. The church completed a new brick auditorium in February and is looking forward to the erection of a new educational building soon.

**PAYNES CHURCH HAS ITS BIBLE** School July 24-28 with 126 enrolled. Mrs. Ne Worsham served as principal. The mission offering, \$23, was given to the Baptist Orphanage.

**REVIVAL SERVICES WERE HELD** at Collinsville Church July 17-21. Rev. Whyatt Gilbert of Heidelberg assisted the pastor, Rev. Edward McKeithen. There were 30 additions, 26 on profession of faith.

## FIFTH AVE. DEDICATES MISSIONARIES



Fifth Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, experienced one of the high days in her history on August 6 when Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Davis were dedicated to the work of missions in Nigeria, Africa. Both are graduates of Mississippi Woman's College and Mr. Davis graduates from Mississippi Southern August 14 with the Masters' Degree. Mrs. Davis is also a graduate of the Nurses Training School of Hattiesburg.

Appearing on the program were executive Secretary Chester Quarles, who spoke at the morning service, and Miss Edwina Robinson, who spoke at the evening service.

At the noon hour the church enjoyed dinner on the ground at the location of the new church building which is now under construction.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis will sail from New Orleans about September 1.

## Public Affairs Committee Chairman Passes

By DR. JOSEPH M. DAWSON,  
Executive Director

The death of E. Hilton Jackson, Washington, D. C., on July 16, at the age of eighty, is mourned by Baptists throughout the Nation. Mr. Jackson had been chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs since its formation in 1939, under the leadership of Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, who died in 1947. He had been the constant counsellor of the present Executive Director from the time of taking office.

This distinguished Constitutional lawyer and scholar made contributions to American jurisprudence of historic importance. The sedition cases during the Second World War, the Park Savings Bank cases earlier, and the Restricted Covenants cases of more recent years furnished occasion for the exercise of his great abilities.

As might have been expected, his most outstanding influence was exerted in the field of church-state relations. In the Everson case he appeared before the United States Supreme Court and argued for complete separation of church and state. The basic decision of the Court in that case, the first ever made directly on the meaning of the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, was momentous. In a second case—the McCollum—where the Baptist Joint Committee submitted a friendly brief, Mr. Jackson's ideas received favorable consideration, and the fundamental findings of the Court in the Everson decision were upheld and further clarified. These two decisions have already had profound effects, and doubtless are destined to shape significantly the future of our country. He lived in the expectation that the only inconsistency he objected to in the Everson decision—the non-sequitur ruling that free bus transportation to

## I Can't Afford It

A frequent reason people give for not tithing is "I can't afford it". By this they are really saying:

I can't afford to be a real Christian, to trust God, or to obey the teachings of His Word; or

I can't afford to be fair and honest with God, to be faithful in my stewardship of my possessions he has entrusted to me; or

Although I have received abundant blessings, both spiritual and material, from Him, I can't afford to return one-tenth to Him for saving of my family, friends and neighbors around the world.

Actually, you can't afford NOT to tithe. If you really have faith in God and really believe the Bible, you will gladly be a tither.

—DR. H. K. MASTELLER  
First Baptist Church, Asheboro, N. C.

**"IF ONE WOULD APPROXIMATE** the example of his Lord he must add to his own burdens and his shared burdens the cross of a world lost in sin, in open rebellion, heedless, and bent upon its own destruction. This cross, loaded with compassion, inspires all missionary effort—personal and co-operative. The Christian begins to glimpse something of the spirit that took Jesus to Calvary; Paul's longing to know the fellowship of the sufferings of his Lord becomes understandable; he has lost himself in his passion for others."—John L. Hill, *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

parochial school children was a public welfare service to children and not a government grant to sectarian institutions—might eventually be reconciled with the explicit prohibition of all tax aids, direct or indirect, for sectarian purposes contained in the body of that 1947 decision and repeated in the eight-to-one decision rendered in the McCollum case in 1948.

## Support Your Own

By David M. Gardner  
(In The Baptist Standard)

We heard a preacher say recently that, "There has been enough money collected in the national and international denominational missions to send missionaries to the heathen nations of the world, if properly used." All denominations have mission boards and are organized to do constructive mission work around the world. None of them is getting sufficient money to do all that needs to be done. But one thing is certain, the books of these mission boards are properly audited, and the public is informed as to how much money each receives and how it is spent.

There is no sensible or sound reason why any Baptist should give money to independent and interdenominational mission projects as long as our Home, Foreign, and state mission boards are actually doing mission work more effectively and efficiently than independent boards could possibly do. It is safer for an individual Baptist to do his giving through the church of which he is a member, and when these independent solicitors come around refer them to the pastor or to the committee selected by the church to investigate extra calls for money. By so doing we will stop wasting money on unworthy projects and thus not contribute to racketeering in the name of religion. Baptist Standard.

## CRYSTAL SPRINGS TO HAVE REVIVAL AUGUST 11-18



DR. H. LEE EDDLEMAN

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, pastor of the Parkland Church, Louisville, Ky., will be the visiting evangelist in the revival at First Church, Crystal Springs, August 11-18. Evening services will begin at 7:30 and beginning Tuesday, morning services will be held at 10 o'clock.

Dr. Eddleman, a native Mississippian, was formerly a missionary to Palestine and for some time was a teacher of Hebrew at the New Orleans Seminary.

Singing during the revival will be under the direction of Mrs. M. B. Weathersby, Minister of Music. Mrs. L. W. Kitchens will serve as organist, and Miss Sylvia Green as pianist. The pastor is Rev. M. B. Morton.

Prayer services were held last week under the direction of Mrs. Rosalie Mills Appleby, missionary to Brazil, and will continue under the direction of the Sunday School departments.